

July 30, 2021

Local Government Conference 2022 Preference Survey Open to August 6

If you are a Tug Hill local government official and/or you registered for the 2020 Tug Hill Local Government Conference (LGC), you should have received an email on Monday requesting your input as we plan for the 2022 LGC. We know our communities are looking forward to it, and we will do our best to plan a quality, safe event that meets the needs of our local officials. If you need the link to the survey again, give the office a call!

Consolidated Funding Applications Submitted

Several communities and organizations across the region are breathing a sigh of relief as their grant applications to this year's round of Regional Economic Development Councils are finished. Commission staff provided varying levels of support to nine applications, including five groomer requests for area snowmobile clubs, a playground in Adams, a Brownfield Opportunity Area in Deferiet, an accessible trail and boardwalk on Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust's preserve in Rutland, and a vacuum truck for communities belonging to the Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition. Grant award announcements will happen later this year.

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Early Logging Webinar on September 21, 7:00 p.m.



Gould's
Logging on
Moose River
Plains in the
Early 1900's



Leigh Portner.
Ernest Portner Lumber
Company
September 21, 2021

Ernest Leigh Portner, owner of Portner's Sawmill, will narrate a slideshow of images taken during logging on Gould Paper Company lands in the 1930s and 1940s. Leigh, born in the Lee Center area in 1933, was a logger all his life and came from a family of loggers. This will be the first time Leigh provides his presentation online, sharing his unique knowledge of the history of logging on Tug Hill and in the Adirondacks.

Register in advance for the presentation at tinyurl.com/portnerlogging.

RACOG Brochure Updated

The River Area Council of Governments (RACOG) recently updated its brochure to include 2020 accomplishments. RACOG held five meetings in 2020 and moved forward several projects, including LED street lights replacement, expansion of membership, Complete Streets projects, and gathering information about various state climate and clean energy programs.

The electronic version of the brochure can be viewed at www.racog.org/racog-e-brochure/.

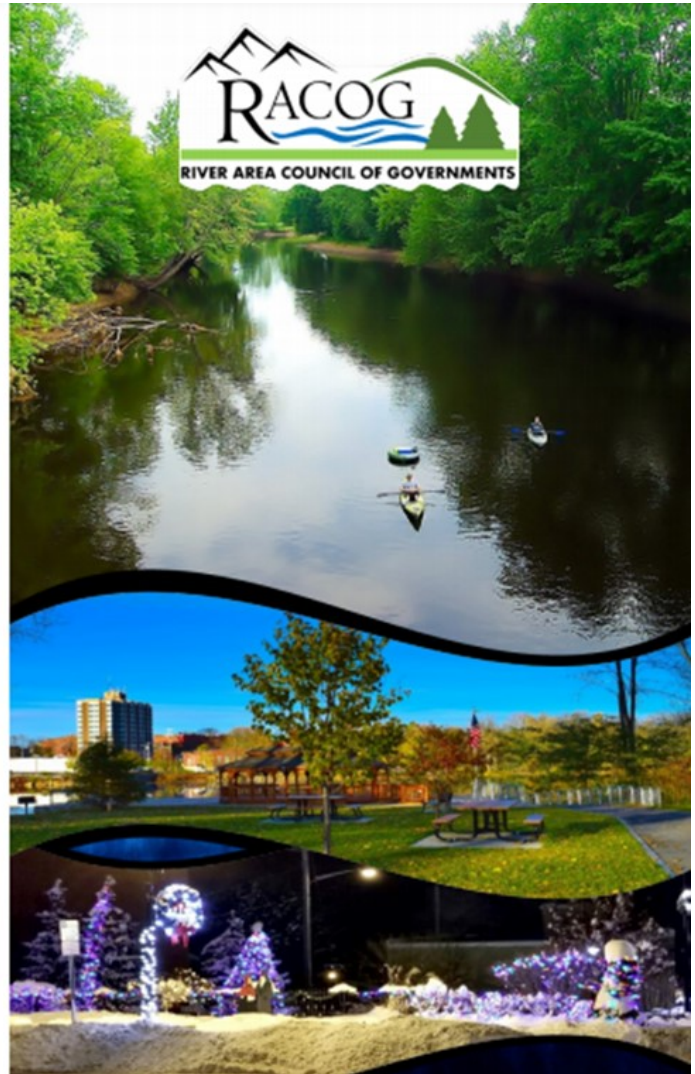


The brochure cover features a map of the RACOG service area on the left, showing the City of Watertown, Town of Wilna, Town of Champion, Town of Denmark, and Town of Lowville, along with various villages. On the right is a circular portrait of Mickey Dietrich, RACOG Municipal Management Consultant, with his contact information. Below the map is a table of Board Members.

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Christina Vargulick, Secretary



Last Chance to Take Oswego and Oneida County Broadband Surveys

If you live in Oswego or Oneida Counties, it is not too late to take the survey and let the counties know how the internet service is at your home or business. The information collected from the survey will be kept confidential. The survey results will be used to help develop a plan for improving internet access throughout the region and provide the basis for securing federal and state grants to implement the plan.

Oswego County: www.cnyinternet.com/

Oneida County: www.mveddbroadband.com/



Information for Town Officials Publication Updated by Office of the State Comptroller

The Office of the State Comptroller updated its [Information for Town Officials](#) publication in November of 2020. The document contains a wealth of information, from descriptions of town classes, officers and districts, to fiscal responsibilities and requirements, and budgets and finances. It includes a town budget calendar, which is particularly useful now as towns begin to develop their 2022 budgets.

Budget Calendar

Steps in Budget Process	Deadline Date	Towns in Westchester and Monroe Counties
1. Budget officer furnishes heads of administrative units (departments and officials) with estimate forms.	Early enough to give sufficient time to prepare by approximately 9/1.	Early enough to give sufficient time to prepare by approximately 10/1.
2. Submission of estimates* (Section 104).	9/20	10/20
3. Filing of tentative budget with town clerk (Section 106(2)).	9/30	10/30
4. Town clerk submits tentative budget to town board (Section 106(3)).	10/5	11/10
5. Revision of tentative budget by town board (Section 106(3)); preparation of preliminary budget and filing in town clerk's office (Section 106(4)).	Prior to publication of notice of public hearing on preliminary budget.	
6. Notice of public hearing on preliminary budget (Section 108).	At least five days prior to hearing.	
7. Public hearing (Section 108).	Thursday following general election. May be adjourned but not beyond 11/15.	12/10
8. Final revision of preliminary budget (Section 109).	After public hearing, but prior to final adoption.	12/15
9. Adoption of budget (Section 109).	11/20	12/20

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rebates Available

Through [Charge Ready NY](#), NYSEDA provides rebates of \$4,000 per charging port for Level 2 charging stations installed at public, workplace, and multi-unit dwelling parking lots. This can add up to a savings of 30% to 80%, depending on station and installation costs. An additional incentive of \$500 per port may be awarded for installations within disadvantaged communities. A searchable map of [disadvantaged communities](#) in New York State can be found on NYSEDA's website. Approximately \$4.8 million is still available in the program.

Charging stations must be installed at one of the following types of locations to be eligible for the Charge Ready NY rebate:

- Public parking lot: a parking lot with at least 10 parking spaces open to the general public at least 12 hours per day, at least five days per week.
- Workplace: a parking lot with at least 10 parking spaces that primarily serves employees who work at or near the lot.
- Multi-unit dwelling: a multi-unit dwelling site is a parking facility with at least eight parking spaces that primarily serves a multi-unit dwelling with five or more housing units.

Charging stations installed at public and workplace sites must be "networked," or able to connect to a network that can collect data and process payments.

It's also a good idea to work with your local utility or energy provider to inform them of your plans to install EV charging stations. Although not necessarily significant, EV charging stations do place additional demand on the local electrical grid.

Most utilities now offer incentives for installing charging stations that can cover most of the installation costs. These incentives can be used in tandem with both the Charge Ready NY incentives and New York State and federal tax credits.

Glenfield Elementary School Reuse Study



Please **MARK**
your calendar

Monday, August 2, 2021
7:00 pm

Glenfield Elementary School
Gymnasium

5960 Main St., Glenfield, NY 13343

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Community Meeting

**Please join us at Glenfield Elementary School for a
Community Meeting!**

**You are invited to a community workshop to share your ideas for
the reuse of the Glenfield Elementary School.**

In January 2021, the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department applied for a New York Main Street Grant to complete a Reuse Study and Market Analysis in preparation of the Glenfield Elementary building's decommissioning set for September 2021. Lewis County was awarded the funding in March 2021 and quickly began working to complete the study before the vacancy took effect. During this time, a purchase offer was made and accepted by the South Lewis Central School District Board of Education. While the planned primary use of the facility will be as an Information Technology (IT) training center, the buyer also intends to utilize the building for other uses that have not been formalized. With the completion of this Reuse Plan and Market Analysis along with the results from the October 2020 community surveys, Lewis County and the purchaser will have the information needed to ensure that this facility thrives for years to come.

With this community information meeting, Lewis County hopes to build on the momentum from the fall survey results and share the uses identified through the data driven market analysis. This meeting will be open to all members of the public.

This Community Meeting to be held at the Glenfield Elementary School
Gymnasium at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 2, 2021.
Refreshments will be provided

We hope to see you there!



Your Voice Counts

Lewis County Planning and Community Development is inviting those who live in and around the Glenfield area, property and business owners, community groups, elected officials, and other public representatives to help develop the future vision of the Glenfield Elementary School

Black River Trash Bash – What happens to the data we collect?

Each year, groups gather to collect trash along the banks of the Black River or tributaries leading to it. Not only is harmful litter removed from the environment, but each piece of trash is tallied on a data card, which gets sent to partnering organizations. Ever wonder where all that data goes and what it's used for? Check out the webinar recording on the Alliance for the Great Lakes' YouTube channel at: youtu.be/tu2ctQ3uEKU to learn how one researcher is studying how trash moves in the Great Lakes basin and how data collected by volunteers is driving his work. Please contact Jennifer Harvill at jennifer@tughill.org or 315-785-2392 for more information about participating in this year's Black River Trash Bash. More information is also available on the Adopt-a-Beach Website at www.greatlakesadopt.org. To learn more about the Alliance's free Plastic-Free Great Lakes Toolkit, go to www.greatlakes.org/plastic-free.

Upcoming Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust Events

Westdale Family Paddle Trip, July 31, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., reservations required.

Easy paddle on the West Branch of Fish Creek from the Westdale fishing access site to Gifford Lake and back (1.5 hrs. round trip).

Tug Hill Trail Sessions, August 14, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., reservations required.

Join THTLT and Sustain Music and Nature, a non-profit organization that creates partnerships between the music industry and environmental organizations, at the North American Fiddlers' Hall of Fame in Osceola. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

St. Mary's Pond Paddle Trip, August 22, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., reservations required.

East paddle on St. Mary's Pond in the Happy Valley Wildlife Management Area. Paddlers will meet at the parking area on the corner of Churchill and St. Mary's Pond Rd. in the Happy Valley Wildlife Management Area. DO NOT USE GPS/Google to navigate from the east, as roads that go through the WMA are very rough and sometimes impassable.

For more information and to register, go to tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/events/.

Constable Hall Association's Veteran's Appreciation Day

Mark your calendar for the Constable Hall Association's Veteran's Appreciation Day Sunday, August 8, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 5909 John Street, Constableville.

Activities will include a keynote speaker, historical military displays and military vehicles, historical military discussions, participation by local veterans' organizations, Constable Hall tours, a 150-plate chicken barbecue, a Cruise In, patriotic music by the Adirondack Chorus, raffles, and a bake sale.

This event and parking are free and open to everyone. Military are encouraged to attend in uniform. For more information, please visit the [Constable Hall Facebook page](#) or call the Hall at 315-397-2323.

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For upcoming trainings, grant deadlines, and meetings, view our [calendar](#).